



NEWSLETTER



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TUESDAY, 16 APRIL, 2019 – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

ALL CORRESPONDENCE SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO:
THE SECRETARY, P.O. BOX 193, CASTLE HILL 1765
Website Address: www.castlehillprobus.org.au

Monthly Meeting: 3rd Tuesday of the month at 10 am
Cherrybrook Community and Cultural Centre,
31 Shepherds Lane, Cherrybrook – off Shepherds Drive, Cherrybrook

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT – APRIL 2019



Our Probus Club is exceptionally well run providing a vast array of activities and experiences for the diverse friendly group that we are. We are fortunate that we have so many members who are willing to take on the various roles in the club which enables it to be the dynamic one that it is. I would like to congratulate the new committee and especially welcome John and Anne Perry, Pat Catanach and Anne Lockwood who have taken on various committee roles after only joining the club in the past year. Thank you Tony Folland for all your hard work throughout the past year as President and continuing to foster the objectives of our club: friendship, fellowship and fun.

My year as President has started off well with a delicious lunch at Lily's Function Centre organised by John Michell and a fun night playing Crazy Whist organized by Jenny Wilson at the Cherrybrook Community Centre. I look forward to meeting many of you over the coming year and encourage you all to join in the various activities that our club provides.

Lyn Wilkes, President

COMMITTEE – 2019/2020

<p>PRESIDENT - Lyn Wilkes</p> <p>VICE PRESIDENT - John Perry</p> <p>SECRETARY - Pat Catanach</p> <p>TREASURER - Anne Lockwood</p> <p>IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT - Tony Folland</p> <p>(FOUNDATION PRESIDENT: Robert Stack)</p>	<p>MEMBERSHIP OFFICER – Glenys Pye</p> <p>INTERNATIONAL TOURS and CRUISES Tony Folland</p> <p>PROPERTY OFFICER – Ralph Gosling</p> <p>OUTINGS and DAY TOURS – Elizabeth Lessells</p> <p>WEEK AWAY TOURS – Colin Yates</p> <p>ACTIVITIES OFFICER – David Lewis</p> <p>GUEST SPEAKERS COORDINATOR - Anne Perry</p> <p>REFRESHMENTS OFFICER – Helen Rose</p> <p>SPECIAL EVENTS and PUBLIC OFFICER John Michell</p>
<p>NON COMMITTEE:</p> <p>NEWSLETTER EDITOR – Annette Watson</p> <p>WEBSITE EDITOR <i>POSITION VACANT</i></p>	<p>NON COMMITTEE:</p> <p>PHOTOGRAPHER/HISTORIAN - Ron Canfield</p> <p>WELFARE OFFICER – Anne Gover</p>

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CLUB FACILITIES FOR YOU TO USE AND ENJOY

Book Exchange – A ‘Borrow and Return’ exchange arrangement at no cost.

Notice Board – Showing recent photographs of Club activities. Also Member’s ‘FOR SALE’ items.

Suggestion Box – Located along the front of the stage. (Please identify yourself on your suggestion)

Tradesman / Professional Directory – Business Cards of your recommendations held by Noelle Long.

WELFARE

I am sure we are all enjoying the cooler days of Autumn. Now it is cooler we are able to get back to our enjoyable outdoor activities. Great weather for a game of golf, bowl, tennis, gardening, walking or maybe sitting outdoors with a good book. Whatever activity you enjoy Probus has a group for you.

We have several members home and recovering from surgery. We wish them, as well as other members who are unwell, a speedy recovery and hope to have them back with us very soon. If you know of anyone who would like a card or a cheerio call please let me know. Anne Gover.

ATTENDANCE

Please advise our Membership Officer, Glenys Pye, if you are unable to attend any particular General Meeting.

An apology **DOES NOT** reduce the number of meetings required to achieve a 50% attendance record.

Please advise our Secretary, Pat Catanach, in writing/email if you require **LEAVE OF ABSENCE** for one or more General Monthly Meetings.

PLEASE NOTE: A **LEAVE OF ABSENCE** request must be received by the Management Committee prior to their meeting on 1st Tuesday of the month. When approved, it reduces your maximum required attendance level for the year. It is a constitutional requirement that all members maintain a minimum ratio of 50% attendance. In simple terms if you apologise for, or fail to attend 7 meetings each year your membership will be terminated.

NEW MEMBERS

It is with great pleasure that we welcome new members to our Club this year, Kate Turnham, Helen Strong, Karin Regal, Toni Levis and Peggy McCarr. We invite them to share in and enjoy the various activities that our Club offers.

SPEAKERS

MONTH	PRESENTER/ORGANISATION	THEME	HOST
16 APRIL	Chris Bennett, Castle Hill RSL <i>Probus Members - Please bring any war memorabilia along to the meeting.</i>	Gallipoli	John Perry
21 MAY	Roz Baker	Bush Poet	Tony Folland
18 JUNE	Louisa Hope	Lindt Café survivor	Leo Keegan

Note: Please send any information to the Secretary for inclusion in this Newsletter by the first Tuesday of the month, which is when the Committee meets. Many thanks.

ACTIVITY GROUPS

These groups are established for your enjoyment. It's a great way to meet new people and make new friends. Our Convenors are always very willing and happy to welcome new Members.

So do try to get involved.

BOOK EXCHANGE	Roger Atack	Ross Long
BOOK READING GROUP	Barbara Primrose	
BOWLS GROUP	Robert Cochrane	
BRIDGE GROUP	David Lewis	
CARAVANS AND CABINS	Les and Jill Dyball	POSITION VACANT
CRAFT GROUP	Carole Rock	Ruth Cocks
FISHING GROUP	Bob Tubman	
GARDENING GROUP	Harry Koller	
GENEALOGY GROUP	John Wilkes	
GOLF GROUP	Bob Osborne	
MOVIE GROUP	Jan Quinn	Vyvyan Orley
SAPPS DINING OUT	John Michell	
TENNIS GROUP	Harry Koller	
THEATRE PARTIES	Marie Woodward	
WALKING GROUP	Johanna Cancian	

BOOK READING GROUP – MONDAY, 15 APRIL, 2019 2.00-3.30 PM



The Book Reading Group meets at the Cosy Nook Cafe, Shop 1, Ward Place, Round Corner, Dural.

In March we discussed 'Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine' by Gail Honeyman. We loved Eleanor's honest, non-self-pitying description of her journey from a lonely, rigid and structured life to a more open, sociable and joyous one. We found the book sometimes funny, sometimes sad, always compelling and believable. We gave it a high rating, 9 out of 10. (This represents the average of our individual ratings). Similarly, Dymocks readers have just voted it first of 101 'most loved books of the year'!

On 15 April (the day before the Probus meeting) we will discuss 'Force of Nature' by Jane Harper. We are a small but enthusiastic group. Some new members have just joined us, more are welcome anytime.

BOWLS GROUP – FRIDAYS, 26 APRIL AND 10 MAY, 2019 AT 9.00 AM

The next social bowls will be on 26 April and 10 May. Please have names in by 9.00 am at Castle Hill Bowling Club.

New bowlers are always welcome and free coaching and bowls are available for you to try the game first.



BRIDGE GROUP - BRIDGE LESSONS – IMPROVERS



The Improvers lessons under Ross and Muriel have now concluded and our great thanks are due to them for delivering so well, whilst all sorts of health and family issues could easily have led them to decide it was too hard. An extra lesson, probably covering pre-empts/ weak twos is being planned, details to interested members once they are available. If you are having problems with finding an opportunity to play please contact me directly.

The beginner's lessons will have completed by the time of our next General Meeting but Helen/ARV will provide supervised play opportunities on Monday afternoons.

Average attendance from our and Glenhaven's Probus club was 12 plus, thanks to all our loyal attendees and helpers.

CARAVANS AND CABINS

This is a lovely Probus job, and most interesting for those adventurous people. Duties:

- 1 Seek area to be explored and ask for interested Probians.
2. Visit the chosen van parks to see if they are suitable and that they can cope with our group. (Number of cabins)
- 3 Check for exciting and interesting venues in the area. Find out prices and times as well as access to the venues.
4. At the meetings, let the interested people know the dates and times (usually a 4 day escape) and a rough price per cabin.
- 5 Tentative booking for cabins then 2 weeks before the date, those wanting to go, confirm their cabins and pay deposits.
6. Enjoy the break away.

CRAFT GROUP – EVERY THURSDAY - 1.30-3.30 PM



The March meetings are back to normal at Village Green Community Centre, 109 Bella Vista Drive, Bella Vista. Meetings from 1.30 pm to 3.30 pm.

We do not meet during the School Holidays. New members are always welcome.

FISHING GROUP – FISHING TRIP – TUESDAY, 14 MAY, 2019

The Probus Fishing Group endeavour to catch a variety of fish using our expertise and knowledge on the second Tuesday of each month.

Our April activity is to hire a tinnie at Palm Beach for Pittwater fishing on Tuesday, 9 April, 2019 with lunch afterwards at RPA Yacht Club.

Our May activity is to hire a tinnie at Killcare Marine for Brisbane Waters fishing on Tuesday, 14 May with lunch afterwards at the Gosford Sailing Club. We always look forward to and welcome new participants.



GARDENING GROUP



Our Garden Group presently has 52 members who pay a fee of \$10 per year (controlled by Alan Jones) which covers incidental expenses such as gifts for presenters, venue hire etc.

Our next Garden Group Meeting will be held on 9 April, 2019 at Cumberland Forest Nursery where one of the two Nursery Directors will give a one hour talk about all things gardening, as well as answer our questions.

Afterwards those of us who so wish will adjourn to the Café in the grounds for pleasant chats over tea and coffee etc.

GENEALOGY GROUP – WEDNESDAY, 8 MAY, 2019 10.00 AM

WEDNESDAY, 10 APRIL, 2019

Back to Bella Vista and the Village Green Community Centre with a Member's session **"Where are we now?"** covering Member's stories of something happy or sad, something interesting or notable in your family history. At present, there are 4 listed contributors and the session has room for another 6 or so presenters. Don't be shy . . . let the members hear your story.



Presentations limited to 5-10 minutes. Contact: Anne Lockwood with the subject of your talk.

WEDNESDAY, 8 MAY 2019 AT 10.00 AM - MAY GENE ACTIVITY – VISIT TO VAUCLUSE HOUSE AT 69A WENTWORTH ROAD, VAUCLUSE

A limited number of 25 for the tour commencing at 10.00 am with cost of \$11.00 p.p. Spots are filling fast. Make your own way to the venue – public transport preferred as car parking is at a premium.

Non-members wishing to join the visit and tour are most welcome. All intending guests need to register by 22 April as a 'non-refundable' tour cost of \$11.00 is payable two weeks in advance.

NB: Moneys will be collected by Anne Lockwood at the April General Meeting. so please bring an envelope with your name and the enclosed money and see me at the meeting.

PROBUS CASTLE HILL MEMBERS looking to grow their knowledge in family history are most welcome to join the Gene Group at any of our meetings or activities. **John Wilkes, Convenor**

GOLF GROUP – MONDAY, 13 MAY, 2019 AT 8.24 AM

We had five starters for our March game at Richmond. John Lucas had an excellent game with the highest score for year with 38 points. Coming in second with 31 points was Brian Easton, followed by Graeme Brangwin with 28 points. Bob Osborne also took out longest drive by default and Brian was Nearest the Pin. Well done all.



The May game will be at Muirfield on Monday, 13 May, 2019. Please meet at the Pro Shop 15 minutes prior to hit off at 8.24 am. New members are always welcome.



MOVIE GROUP – 2ND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

On Tuesday, 9 April 18 members of the Movie Group went and saw "Hotel Mumbai" with Dev Patel. It was a very suspenseful film with heaps of action and drama. It also had moving moments laced with humanity. The group enjoyed the film. Afterwards some members of the group went to Cosmo Coffee for lunch

If you would like to join our popular Movie Group please contact Jan Quinn (Convenor).
 Email at: dennisquinn@optusnet.com.au or telephone number: 9639.9016 or Vyvyan Orley at email: oorley@optusnet.com.au or telephone 9624 2184.

TENNIS GROUP – EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT - 5.00-7.00PM



Our Tennis sessions at Hastings Park on Wednesday evenings are well attended by an average of 12 players from our total number of 18 regulars. We are happy to report that Lyn Fleming, from our Castle Hill club has now become one of our regular players.

Our Tennis sessions run from 5 pm to 7 pm every Wednesday evening at a cost of \$5.00 per player which covers court cost, tea, coffee, biscuits and balls.

WALKING GROUP – FRIDAY, 24 MAY, 2019 – IRON COVE

THERE IS NO WALK SCHEDULED FOR APRIL BECAUSE OF EASTER.



Our next walk will be Friday 24 May 2019. It will be a walk around Iron Cove and will be led by Ken Lynch. During May, if there are any questions regarding the walk, please contact Johanna. Full details of the walk will be in the May Newsletter.

THEATRE PARTIES

Payments **MUST** be made by the Finalised date. Cancellations advised prior to Finalised Date.



Event	Date	Price	Payment Due
SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER	Wednesday, 24 April, 2019 Lyric Theatre 1.00 pm	\$70	Tickets ready for collection
MURDER ON THE WIRELESS	Friday, 12 July Ensemble Theatre	\$70	Finalise June. Deposit has been paid
MURIEL'S WEDDING	Wednesday, 17 July, 2019 Lyric Theatre 1.00 pm	\$90	Finalise May
CHICAGO	Wednesday, 18 September, 2019 Capitol Theatre 1.00 pm	\$70	Finalise July
SCHOOL OF ROCK	Wednesday, 27 November, 2019 Capitol Theatre 1.00 pm	\$70	Finalise September
BILLY ELLIOT	Wednesday, 29 January, 2020 Lyric Theatre 1 pm	\$80	Finalise November

Because of cost, there won't be a bus to the Ensemble but the theatre does offer a shuttle service to and from the show which will pick up and drop at Milsons Point. The transport to and from there is good both by bus and train and the eating places are plentiful. The members that experienced the shuttle say it's frequent and most recommend the Pub for lunch.

TOURS AND OUTINGS

The Tour Desk will usually open from 9.30 am to take your bookings and collect your payments.
If you cannot attend a selected Outing please remove your name from our list.
There can be no refunds after the cut-off date for day trips unless a replacement can be secured.

TOUR DESK OPERATORS – ELIZABETH, TONY AND COLIN

DAY TOURS - PLEASE ENSURE YOU HAVE THE CORRECT MONEY FOR ALL PAYMENTS

FRIDAY, 10 MAY – “FISH AND CHIPS” PICNIC AT WATSONS BAY’S ROBERTSON PARK.

Cost: public transport and a take away lunch. (\$2.50 using an Opal Seniors Card.)

Date: Friday, 10 May.

Time: Meet 9.40 at the Rydalmere Wharf, John Street Rydalmere. If you have decided to travel to Circular Quay to meet with the group please be at Wharf 2 in time to catch the 11:17 am ferry.

Ferry from Rydalmere/Circular Quay followed by a Fish and Chips lunch from Doyles on the Wharf Take Away at Watsons Bay. You have the opportunity to explore the area around the Watsons Bay wharf.

No money will be collected for this outing but could you please record expressions of interest by April. Your hostess on the day will be Lyn Wilkes. Many thanks Lyn.

FRIDAY, 21 JUNE, 2019 – THE JEWISH MUSEUM

Date: Friday, 21 June, 2019

Time: 12.30pm

Location: 148 Darlinghurst Road, Darlinghurst

Cost: The entry cost is \$12 for Seniors.

Lunch is available from the group menu for \$20 at the Museum café. Lunch is mixed, open, mini Bagels (served on platter on the table) of egg mayonnaise, tuna mayonnaise, smoked salmon followed by tea/coffee with a slice of cake. This will be followed by a guided tour at 2pm.

Travel is by public transport. Kings Cross and then Museum are the closest railway stations.



Final payment of \$12 for entry and \$20 for lunch is required at the May meeting.

WEEK AWAY TOURS

BRIGHT - 26 APRIL-3 MAY, 2019

Tour is closed, all moneys paid. We have 37 tourists.

The pick-up time on 26 April is 8 am from Castle Pines.

YAMBA AND THE GRAFTON JACARANDA FESTIVAL - 20 OCTOBER-27 OCTOBER 2019

We have 43 going on the trip. We require a deposit of \$150 per person to be paid on or before the May meeting. First night at Port Macquarie, 5 nights at Moby Dicks Yamba, last night at South West Rocks.

The trip includes a cruise on the Clarence River.

Prices: **Single - \$2365 incl. \$510 single supplement**
 Twin - \$1855 pp Double \$3710

Brochures are available.

INTERNATIONAL TOURS – Tony Folland

1. COOK ISLANDS - 9 DAYS/8 NIGHTS WITH ON COURSE TOURS

DEPARTS 13 JUNE AND RETURNS 21 JUNE 2019

This tour has now closed with 13 members included in this tour.

Travel documents will be distributed early May via On Course Tours.

2. SOUTH AFRICA - JOHANNESBURG, KRUGER NATIONAL PARK, CAPETOWN AND VICTORIA FALLS - DEPARTS SYDNEY 28 APRIL 2020 AND RETURNS ON 15 MAY 2020

An information night was arranged on Tuesday evening 12 March at the West Pennant Hills Sports Club. 28 members were in attendance. Brian Easton presented an outline of the Itinerary of the tour and Dominic Cancian provided information regarding the potential costing of the tour.

The ultimate cost of the tour is very much influenced by the number of participants. There are 4 categories of pricing ranging from 20 to 25 up to 35 to 40 participants.

I would like to acknowledge the tremendous help received from Brian Easton with his local knowledge in putting this tour together. It has been very much appreciated.

There was time provided for a Q and A session when a range of issues were raised and resolved, notes taken and circulated to all those in attendance.

A show of hands indicated that there were sufficient numbers willing to book on the tour for it to be viable.

At the last General Meeting 21 people made an initial deposit supporting their commitment to the tour. There are a further 2 people who are showing interest who it is hoped will confirm their commitment to the tour by way of deposit by the April General Meeting. In an endeavor to boost numbers a further four local Probus clubs and other of our friends have been advised of details of the tour.

There is still an opportunity for members to join this tour. I would appreciate the opportunity to provide any prospective traveller with any additional information that they may require. Your place can be secured by arranging a deposit by the April General Meeting which is the deadline. Those of us who are organizing it believe that it represents a tour of a lifetime taking in the many wonders of natural beauty and wild life located in this unique venue.

DATES: 29/04/2020 to 15/05/2020 Visiting South Africa, Zimbabwe and Zambia. The Itinerary will include Johannesburg, Kruger National Park, Victoria Falls and Cape Town and surrounds.

Pricing will be confirmed when final numbers are known at the next General Meeting and will be within the range proposed when the tour was first announced.

Tony Folland.

TOWNSVILLE FLOOD APPEAL – THANK YOU

On behalf of Winston Hills Lions Club, Lion Carl Denison and Lion Alan Watson, we would like to thank Combined Castle Hill Probus Club members for their generous donations towards the Townsville Flood Appeal – total donations \$240.30.



Lion Alan Watson and Lion Allan Bricknell, both members of Winston Hills Lions Club have contacted the Lions Club of Townsville and the Zone Office to find out who best to send the money.



CHRISTMAS IN JULY - TUESDAY, 30 JULY, 2019 - 12 NOON

**WATERVIEW RESTAURANT, 199 BAY ROAD,
BEROWRA WATERS**

\$47pp - 3 courses including wine and soft drink

Entertainer – Lonnie Lee

REGISTER AND PAY AT THE APRIL GENERAL MEETING

SAPPS – TUESDAY, 28 MAY, 2019 at JAGS RESTORANTE

Shop 7/105 Bella Vista Drive, Bella Vista

\$49 pp - Italian Banquet of 4 courses. \$2.50 pp BYO

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FOR YOUR DIARY

PROBUS CHRISTMAS PARTY

TUESDAY, 26 NOVEMBER, 2019

NEXT MEETING - TUESDAY, 21 MAY, 2019

May 2019

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